

SHERMAN ANCESTORS CAME FROM ENGLAND

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Joel Sterling Sherman had thirteen children, six of whom survived. His wife was a delicate woman, and never weighed more than one hundred pounds. Sarah Sherman married Joseph Adams, a member of the family from which the two presidents of the United States came. Silas H. Sherman married Ann Elizabeth Hook. Clarence Sherman married Belle Cadwell, and had three children, one of whom, Louis W. is an agent on the Soo line at S. Oshkosh. Edgar Botsford Sherman married Minnie Allardt, who died in 1912 and is buried in Graceland. Jane Ann Bonnell of Los Angeles is his second wife. She has one daughter, Frances. Their home is in Park Ridge. Hattie Sherman married Edward Higley of Gurnee and had one son, Howard.

Nearly all of the members of the Sherman family are buried in the Deerfield cemetery. Mrs. Sarah Sherman Adams, who died Sept. 8 last year lived in Deerfield, had five children. Ella (Mrs. Fred Kimbark), Edward, George, James (the father of Lois) and Richard Adams.

Of the Hook family, after Ann Elizabeth's marriage to Silas H. Sherman, they moved to the Stolt farm where they lived for eight years. The house on this farm was an eight sided one, called "the round house." It has as heavy timbers in it as a barn has. Their last move was to the George Strong farm where they lived for twenty-two years. When Mrs. Hook's tenth child was two and a half years of age, she passed away, and her husband, with the assistance of the sister Hannah Hook, reared the seven living children with great tenderness.

The Hook family were members of the Episcopal church in England, but attended the Methodist Episcopal church near Northfield. George Hook's sister Ann married Harvey Winchell, a neighbor, whose daughter Jettie married Judge Victor Arnold of Chicago. Another of George Hook's sisters married Thomas Hitchcock and passed away in Arlington Heights this spring at the age of 80 years.

In the spring of 1878 Mr. and Mrs. Silas H. Sherman moved to Fairdale, Nebraska, where they spent nineteen and a half years. Lured by an advertisement in the Grand Island Advocate "A Farm and a Home of Your Own", Silas H. Sherman went west to "spy out the land" and then returned for his family. They had one of the western "dugout" homes for a while. These houses were wooden ones built under the side of a hill. The year 1878 was three years after the grasshopper siege in Kansas and Nebraska. The government gave alternate sections to soldiers, and the railroad had every other section. Silas H. Sherman claimed a quarter section, then built a stone house. He was never well after his army service and after nearly a score of years of frontier life, during which four of his children were born and one died, he decided to return to "the home of his fathers", to the home on Dundee road which he occupied in the first year of his marriage. His son Ross was then ten years of age.

On March 13, 1901, nine months after the death of his mother, Silas H. Sherman passed away during a terrible snow storm, when it took twenty-four hours to get a message through to Libertyville, because all of the telegraph lines were down. Clare Sherman, Silas' brother, lived in Libertyville, where he was a watchmaker and jeweler. Edgar B. Sherman, another brother, lived in Grays Lake and pursued the same profession.

Silas H. Sherman and James Galloway, although living across the county line enlisted with Nelson Hall from Deerfield, in the last call for troops from Lake county, in the Civil war. They enlisted in March. Silas was eighteen years of age in June following, and James became the same age in September. Because of their youth their fathers opposed their enlistment, but Silas told his father and mother that he was going, while standing at the kitchen door, then he ran to meet James in the woods, where, in the darkness, they could get away. They remained all night in the Galloway home, and at four o'clock the next morning set out on foot for Highland Park, where the three boys took the train for Chicago, then went to Camp Fry. They enlisted under Captain Bliss in the fifteenth Illinois Infantry, Company G. They were never in any large battles but were in several skirmishes. They served almost a year, and participated in General William T. Sherman's march from Atlanta, Georgia to the Atlantic ocean. They had a great deal of swamp life, which weakened their constitutions.

In September 1865, when they marched to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to receive their discharge papers at the close of the war, James Galloway was too ill to walk, so Silas Sherman carried the knapsack and gun of his comrade who rode in the ambulance. James Galloway died January 14, 1927.

During the absence of the men in the Civil War, in Northfield the women and young girls met at the homes of the Winchell, Walter and Edwards families to sew for the soldiers. Blue flannel coats and shirts were made, also "housewives" that contained needles, buttons, and thread were sent to the camps. Mrs.

Sherman still possesses one of these "housewives".

Mrs. Silas Sherman's first memory at five years of age is of a log cabin home with crochets of trees supporting the roof of the porch. A replica of such a house is in the possession of Mr. Enoch Brand of Highland Park.

Mrs. Sherman also recalls that in Highland Park there were a few scattered houses, a railway station, a blacksmith shop, and a grocery store, and that "Indian" Clark lived in an old log house on the top of a hill in E. Northfield. Ed Sherman remembers his as "Ax Handle Clark", because, Indian fashion, he helped himself to the young hickory trees, out of each one of which he made four ax handles.

In Mrs. Sherman's home candles were used at first, then tall, slender glass lamps, on metal standards, with two round wicks and no chimney replaced the candles and gave twice as much light. A yellow oil was used in these lamps, but was not kerosene. The wicks were snuffed with snuffers that were kept on a tray. When the frame house supplanted the log one, tin lamps, painted green, with polished movable reflectors were hung on the door frames to keep them away from the children, for kerosene was more explosive. These lamps shed a brighter light, and the adjustable reflector would throw it in the direction desired. Mrs. Sherman has three beautiful mahogany, fiddle back chairs, a davenport, a drop leaf walnut table, and a baby's high chair over one hundred years old.

A daguerreotype of Silas Wooster Sherman and his son, Joel Sterling Sherman, show them to be very handsome men, especially the son in the full flush of youth and health, with long, dark hair, flashing black eyes, and clothes that no local tailor made. The men wore skirted coats with pleats in the backs, in which there were pockets. The trousers were gray and blue plaid of a beautiful woolen cloth, with tight fitting legs that covered the boots. They wore white duck vests and high silk hats.

Silas Wooster Sherman was High Priest of the Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Newton, Connecticut. As a token of appreciation he was presented with a Royal Arch "mark" on June 2, 1826. This fine piece of engraved silver is in its original buckskin case, and has been carried as a pocketpiece while traveling, by three generations. It was made to be worn in "session", and but four were manufactured. "The all seeing eye" radiated on one side above the inscription, and on the reverse are Masonic initials. Silas Wooster Sherman always kept it hidden in the big clock in his home. Edgar Sherman, who is a member of the Blue Lodge of Park Ridge, the Royal Arch of Waukegan, The Waukegan Commandery, The Shrine of Medinah Temple, the Oriental Consistory, and has taken the York and Scottish rite degrees, owns the silver piece and will give it to his brother's son.

Story of Silver Piece
An interesting story is told in connection with this piece of silver. J. Sterling Sherman moved to Texas and invested his money in one thousand acres of land where Houston, Texas, is now located. He died while there after losing his fortune in the land. His widow made the trip back from Corpus Christi to Chicago with the body of her husband, without any money, the magic silver piece being the "Open Sesame" for her expenses

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After Silas H. Sherman's death his wife lived with her children for several years, then rented an apartment from Mrs. Philip R. Hole, where she has lived for twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Silas H. Sherman had six children. Job Oliver, Sherman who married Rilla Platt. They have six children and live at Crandon, Wis. George Silas Sherman died at seventeen years of age. Susan Sherman married George Voltz, whose farm is now part of the Techny institute. They had three children. Clarence Sterling Sherman married Ethel Meyers of Chicago and they have three children, Austin Bennett Sherman married Mary Delorics of Northbrook and they had seven children. Ross R. Sherman married Evelyn Bach of Northbrook and reside in Deerfield. They have two children. The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Sherman number 33. They have had twenty-two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Sherman celebrated her seventy-fourth birthday anniversary on July 30. She still retains her youthful laughter. She possesses a joyous spirit and a gay dignity that are infectious. Life holds much happiness

for her in spite of western hardships, and the loss of some of her family. Born on Sunday and married on Sunday, she is a real Sunday child.

First Deerfield Day

The first Deerfield Day, observed the twenty-ninth of August 1914, was a jubilee which celebrated the great event of the establishment of a water system in the village. Deerfield has had water for thirteen years, which was the first awakening from "a sleepy little village".

The Highland Park Press of September 3, 1914 said: "The enterprise far exceeded the hope of the promoters. The weather was ideal and there was a most harmonious and cordial spirit in the gathering for the common cause of entertaining the thousand people that made up the assembly. The parade started at eleven o'clock and was over a mile in length. Mr. W. E. Beecham in his uniform of Columbia Post, Grand Army of the Republic, was marshal and was followed by knights of the tournament on gaily decorated steeds, carrying lances upon which were tied the colors of their ladies. The North Chicago band followed and then numerous unique floats. The primary pupils of the school had a float which represented a wigwam, with tiny braves and squaws with full regalia.

"Mr. Kottrach, the florist, had a gorgeous display of flowers flanked on either side by one of the Flagg twins in white dresses, carrying red, white and blue parasols.

"The Ma Sigma Chi girls were in an automobile covered with yellow chrysanthemums. Each girl wore a sash and hair bow of the same colors.

"The float of C. Antes Sons was a bower of pink roses. The one belonging to John A. Stryker displayed a dwarf calf, and a tiny lamb and a pig.

"A battle ship was represented by the Stanger Hardware Company. Theodore Knaak's automobile was followed by a long line of Overland cars which had been sold by Knaak Bros. this summer. The Atlas Supply company sent out a moving picture, and five reels were shown on the out-of-doors screen in the evening."

The festivities were held in Ringdahl's Grove on Waukegan road, opposite the Deerfield school. Former residents came from distant states as well as surrounding towns to be present at the first home-coming day.

Mussolini has prohibited swearing in Italy. What is a fellow going to do when he is in a hurry to get down town on Monday morning and his

collar button rolls under the dresser?

Those senators who doubt the story that President Coolidge caught a trout with a worm don't know even yet how efficient the President really is.

Who remembers the good old days when the lowly phonograph with ear tubes was a real attraction at the county fair?

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August 26th and 27th, 1927

Children's Day

Friday, August 26th, 1927

2 p. m.—Children's Parade headed by St. Mary's Training School Band of Desplaines, Illinois.

3 p. m.—Races, Games, and Juvenile Baseball Game
Prizes awarded for all events.

Friday Evening, August 26th, 1927

8 p. m.—Dancing, Refreshments Music by Gold Coast Serenaders.

Saturday, August 27th, 1927

10 a. m.—Big Parade—(Prizes awarded) forms at Wilmot School. All entrants must be in line at 9:30 a. m.

2 p. m.—Baseball Game Deerfield Boosters vs. Northbrook

4 p. m.—Concert by the Deerfield Municipal Band Refreshments.

8 p. m.—to Midnight—Dancing Music by Gold Coast Serenaders. Prize Registration Drawing.

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